

to determine what possible benefits exist for them and how their needs can best be met. The conference, therefore, should place a heavy emphasis on the practical aspects of space research and exploration, particularly in a way that can be helpful to developing nations. We should like to stress that the conference can only have real meaning and fulfil its primary purpose if there is effective participation by developing countries. It is important for member states to note, when considering the question of participation in the conference, that the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space recommended that the Conference papers should be meaningful to both scientists and non-scientists concerned with the welfare of their peoples in many fields.

To ensure that all technical papers delivered at the conference receive the expert attention they deserve, the Canadian delegation considers it desirable that the Scientific and Technical Sub-committee of the Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space be convened during or immediately after the conference, so that these papers can be discussed in this forum of experts as well, before the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space reports to the Twenty-third Session of the General Assembly.

The preparations for the conference cannot be successful unless delegations are adequately prepared as well. I should like to conclude by urging all member states, and in particular the developing countries to prepare now to attend the Vienna Conference on Outer Space in August of 1968.